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This paper will always fight for progress and reform. It will not knowingly tolerate injustice or corruption and will always fight demagogues of all parties; it will oppose privileged classes and public plunderers; it will never lack sympathy with the poor; it will always remain devoted to the public welfare and will never be satisfied with merely printing news. It will always be drastically independent and will never be afraid to attack wrong, whether committed by the rich or the poor.

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN OUR
CITY SCHOOLS**

Superintendent John M. Mills of the city schools has proposed a great change in our school system, an outline of which was presented to the educators of the city at a meeting late Saturday afternoon last.

The radical change suggested is that of having the children attend school for half a day only, instead of all day as now. The thought that came to us, when the proposition was first presented, was that there would be half a day during which the pupils would be beyond the control of their teachers, and we questioned Mr. Mills on this point, asking him in

particular as to how the children would be held within bounds. The superintendent stated that the students would be expected to do useful work, either at home or elsewhere, and the truant officer, who is regularly employed even under the present system, would be required to report on the idlers.

"This is one of the problems of the proposed innovation. On this point Mr. Mills promises to further inform the readers of The Standard. In Gary, Ind., where the half-day has been tried, the steel plants employ the boys in half shifts, and in that way provide room for a large army of youngsters who have been found to be serviceable and profitable to the big industry. Here there would be no equally large avenue of employment and but a fraction of the boys could find work in gainful occupations about town.

No doubt the new order of things would result in a great curtailing of the expense of running the schools. Superintendent Mills says the number of teachers could be cut down and the buildings now in use would comfortably seat all the pupils for a number of years to come, although additions would be made to the Lewis and Dee structures by the erecting of manual training and assembly rooms.

There are 200 teachers in the city,

receiving from \$50 to \$90 a month in the grades and \$900 to \$1500 in the high schools. All salaries could be raised \$200 a year, it is estimated, and yet the total expense would be \$20,000 or more within the present limits.

With a reduction in the force of teachers, what of the efficiency? To this question also is promised an answer.

The Standard desires to get a clear understanding of the whole scheme, before finally passing judgment. It is a departure so radical as to demand careful consideration from all angles before being adopted. The progress made by other schools where the system is in operation should be inquired into and studied in relation to our local conditions.

**ONE SCOOP WOULD CAUSE
ASTONISHMENT**

Our morning contemporary, drawing on its large vocabulary of slang, boasts of having scored four scoops in one day. Whenever it obtains one scoop without resorting to a breach of good faith, every newspaper man in the city will look upon the event as unprecedented and as equivalent to the awakening of the dead.

**DENVER'S ATTACK ON BILL-
BOARDS.**

Denver has started a fight on the billboards, and the city attorney, in presenting reasons why the unsightly signs should be torn down, says:

"They are unqualified nuisances and can be abolished on three grounds. First, that they are a menace from fire; second, that they hinder the police in the protection of its citizens from thugs and thieves; third, that they menace the health of the people.

"In every city in the country the billboard companies have fought every sort of an ordinance framed to regulate them. They have been uniformly successful in beating restrictive ordinances, and the only successful method of stopping the evil has been to abolish it altogether."

The Denver News, in commenting on the statement, says:

"The city attorney knows how the billboard companies have fought every sort of the law making power of the city to regulate them. They have refused to obey the mandate of a fair and reasonable ordinance. In practical and impudent fashion they tell the people of this city through their commissioners that they have no power to regulate or control their operations and that they will continue, as they have done at intervals in the past twenty years, to flout the authority of the people's government. They are doing in Denver as they have done in St. Louis and in every other city where the people demanded that they live within the law."

If the billboards cannot be regulated, then all billboards should come down.

**THEY ALWAYS HAVE SAID
THE SAME**

Former President W. H. Taft and Senator George Sutherland were the speakers before the Pennsylvania society in New York Saturday night. Both addressed themselves to discouraging the reform forces, Mr. Taft speaking of the advocacy of modern reforms as hysteria and Senator Sutherland referring in flippant style to the proposed recall of judges.

On the same day, Senator Root, in the senate attempted to discredit currency legislation by stating that Bryan's influence on the administration currency measure is marked.

There is one remarkable thing to be noted in the lives of these three reactionaries. No one can recall that either of them ever championed any of the great reforms of the past which in a measure have brought about the curbing of any powerful commercial interests.

When it was first proposed to regulate railroad rates by government control, Senator Root charged that such a course would be populism.

When a scaling down of the prohibitive protective tariff was suggested Taft at first acquiesced, but soon changed front and became a defender of the same.

When pure food legislation was first broached, Senator Sutherland declared the inherent rights of the individual were being invaded.

Not one of the men has ever been a leader in the bringing about of any radical change in our laws intended to protect the great mass of the people from the predatory rich. Even advance made has been by the so-called reformers over the protests of men like Taft, Root and Sutherland who in chorus have cried, "Hysteria."

**THE ENLARGING OF
THE SHOPS**

Tents for workmen are soon to be erected on the west side of the Southern Pacific shops, which will be the beginning of extensive yard and shop improvements calling for an immediate expenditure of \$350,000 to \$500,000, and the possible outlay within a year, of \$1,000,000.

"When these shop improvements are made," said an official of one of the Harriman lines yesterday, "they will give employment to 800 men and the entire shop work on the Harriman engines and rolling stock entering Ogden will be done here. Even the engines on the 'San Pedro' will be overhauled in Ogden. An additional 30-stall roundhouse is to be constructed and other extensive enlargements brought about."

A foreman in one of the departments estimates that not less than 1000 men will be on the payrolls of the shops two years from now.

"Why are these improvements being made today, after a delay of five years?" was the question directed at the railroad official, and he answered that at a conference of the head officers of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, held three months ago, the one subject considered was the Ogden yards and the imperative need of improvements not alone in trackage, but shop facilities, and it was then and there decided to make Ogden the important point that its relative position on the Harriman roads long has demanded.

This one improvement should make Ogden the most promising city in the intermountain region.

And there are other good things coming.

DANCING

DANCING—The second dance of the holiday series given by the W. O. W. Orchestra at Woodmen Hall, Sat. Dec. 20th.

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**VALUABLE ADDITION
TO SAFETY AT SEA**

Washington, Dec. 15.—A contribution to safety at sea has been made by the United States naval observatory, in the form of a publication which greatly simplifies and facilitates computations incident to the navigator's work. Elaborate interpolations are done away with, and all information condensed and made readily accessible. The publication contains only 37 pages and a star chart, yet contains all the information ordinarily required by navigators in practical every day work. At present it will be issued as a supplement but later will be included in the nautical almanac itself.

**STEAMER LEAVES FOR
CANAL WITH GUNS**

New York, Dec. 15.—The steamer Christobal, operated by a government steamship company between New York and Panama left port today heavily loaded with the first of the big guns to be sent to the isthmus for the fortification of the canal. She carried fourteen large mortars, whose carriages are already in place at the Atlantic and Pacific entrances of the

canal. Within two weeks the guns will be mounted and ready for use. A detachment of coast artillerymen sailed with the guns. The largest gun of the Panama fortifications will be a 16-inch rifle, which will be installed at the Pacific entrance. It will be carried by the Christobal on her next trip, about the middle of January.

In addition to the forts at the entrances of the canal, inland defenses will be constructed along the shores of the canal. The headquarters for the army, navy and marine corps on the isthmus will be at the Pacific entrance of the canal, but several posts will be maintained elsewhere, including the Atlantic entrance to the locks, probably at some point along Cuticura cut and at Gatun dam, the most vulnerable spot on the canal.

**THE WORLD'S
MARKET NEWS**

Lead.
New York, Dec. 15.—Lead—Quiet, \$3.54@4.05. London, 17 pounds, 17s. 6d. Spelter—Quiet, \$5.05@5.15. London, 21 pounds, 5s.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Larger world shipments to the United Kingdom than had been expected made the wheat market today lean to the bear side. Another influence against the bulls was the fact that the Missouri crop report gave the condition of winter wheat as 100 against 91 in December last year. There were also assertions that the quality of the crop in north Argentine had turned out better than a year ago. Prices started 1-8 to 1-4c lower and after a slight reaction fell again. A subsequent small upturn soon disappeared.

Oats had a sagging tendency with corn but offerings were only scattered. Although provisions displayed much activity, the market went decidedly lower on account of plentiful hog receipts. First sales were 2 1-2 to 20c down and there was an additional drop later.

A big decrease in the visible wheat supply helped afterward to bring about an advance. The close was firm, unchanged to 1-4c higher. Later, however, improved demand from big interests led to a corn recovery. The close was firm, a shade lower to 1-8@1-4c higher compared with Saturday night.

Cash.
Wheat—No. 2 red, 96 1-2@87 1-2c; No. 3 red, 94@96c; No. 2 hard, 89 1-8c; No. 3 northern, 89@90c; No. 2 spring, 89 1-2c; No. 3 spring, 89@84c.
Corn—All new: No. 2, 69 3-4; No. 3, 68@68 3-4c; No. 3 white, 64 1-2@65 1-2c; No. 9 yellow, 64 1-2@68c.
Oats—No. 2 white, 41 1-2; No. 3 white, 39 3-4@40 1-2c; standard, 40 1-2@41 1-2c.
Barley—No. 2, 64 1-2@65c. Barley, 52@75c. Timothy, \$4.00@5.40. Clover, \$12.00@15.00. Pork, \$21.25. Lard \$10.62 1-2. Ribs, \$19.50@11.25.

Chicago Livestock.
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Butter—Higher. Creameries, 22 to 35 1-2c. Eggs—Steady; receipts 2566 cases; at mark cases included, 28@31c; ordinary firsts, 28@29 1-2c; firsts, 31 1-2c.
Cheese—Steady; daisies, 14 3-4@15c; twins, 14 1-2@12c; Americas, 15 1-4@12c; long horns, 14 3-4@15c.
Poultry—Lower; steady; receipts 57 cars; Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, red, 60@63c; ditto, white, 60@68c.
Poultry—Alive, steady; springs, 12c; fowls, 12 1-2c; turkeys, 16c; dressed, 22c.

Chicago Livestock.
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Hogs today showed weakness and big receipts gave buyers an advantage.

Cattle prices went down grade. In sheep and lambs trade was slow.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Hogs—Receipts, 58,000; market slow, 5 to 10c under yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, \$7.65@7.80; lights, \$7.40@7.72 1-2; mixed, \$7.50@7.80; heavy \$7.60@7.85; rough, \$7.50@7.60; pigs, \$6.25@7.75.
Cattle—Receipts, 35,000; market weak; generally 10c to 15c lower. Beeves, \$6.50@9.50; Texas steers, \$6.60@7.65; western steers, \$6.80@7.65; stockers and feeders, \$4.90@7.40; cows and heifers, \$3.30@8.20; calves, \$7.50@11.25.
Sheep—Receipts, 50,000; market weak. Native, \$4.40@5.60; western \$4.40@5.60; yearlings, \$6.50@8.75; lambs, native, \$6.40@8.00; western, \$6.40@8.00.

Kansas City Livestock.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market 5c to 10c lower. Bulk of sales, \$7.25@7.60; heavy, \$7.60@7.70; packers and butchers, \$7.45@7.65; lights, \$7.35@7.60; pigs, \$6.50@7.25.
Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; market 10c lower. Prime fed steers, \$8.25@9.40;

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heifers, \$5.00@9.00; stockers and
feeders, \$5.50@7.40; bulls, \$4.75@5.00;
calves, \$6.50@11.00.
Sheep—Receipts, 9000; market stea-
dy. Lambs, \$7.25@8.00; yearlings,
\$5.75@7.00; wethers, \$4.50@5.50;
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